

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE-TIME GROUP <u>16 Sep 52</u>		2. LOCATION <u>Chanute AFB, Illinois</u>		12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon	
Local		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground Visual	<input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft	
GMT		<input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual	<input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS		6. SOURCE		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS		<input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
45 minutes.		9. COURSE			
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING		11. COMMENTS			
Bluish white. Round.		2 Small satellites. Wind aloft chart shows object traveling with wind. Competent observers with flying experience. 25 minutes after balloon launch.			

FLYOB RPT, 19 Sept 52
CHANUTE AFB, IL



Yellowish

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THE Two spots were seen
ONLY through BINOCULARS, and
appeared in the same relative
position at all times.

Grid # 2

PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE 16 Sept 54	2. LOCATION Chamote AFB, Ill.	3. TIME Local: 22:27 GCT Zebra: 0335
4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
<input type="checkbox"/> Naked Eye <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Binoculars <input type="checkbox"/> Telescope <input type="checkbox"/> Theodolite		
5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
<input type="checkbox"/> By One Set <input type="checkbox"/> By Two Sets <input type="checkbox"/> By Three Sets		
6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
<input type="checkbox"/> A/C Observed Object <input type="checkbox"/> Interception Attempted <input type="checkbox"/> No Intercept Attempted		
7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
<input type="checkbox"/> A/C Scrambled <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Contact Made <input type="checkbox"/> A/I Contact Made <input type="checkbox"/> No Contact Made		
8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
<input type="checkbox"/> Normal <input type="checkbox"/> Violent		
9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT: <input type="checkbox"/> Blinking <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steady		
10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT: <input type="checkbox"/> 1-15 Seconds <input type="checkbox"/> 1-5 Minutes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Over 10 Minutes 45 min.		
11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address) CG Chamote AFB, Ill.		

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED?

No

13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data From Air Almanac) <input type="checkbox"/> Night <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Day <input type="checkbox"/> Sunrise <input type="checkbox"/> Sunset

III. AIRCRAFT DATA

17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<input type="checkbox"/> One Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> More Than One Aircraft	
18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH BACKGROUND NOISE? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
20. WAS THE OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE 45° ELEVATION? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA? Yes No

22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE: 25 Minutes

23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:

Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?		Describe Lighting
			Yes	No	
a. Rawlins (Chimney)	Rainin	A.W.S.	✓		white
b.					
c.					
d.					

(attach overlay)

V. EVALUATION

21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE:

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Unreliable
- Extremely Doubtful
- Hoax

22. DETAILS OF REPORT:

- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Insufficient to Evaluate

23. FINAL EVALUATION:

- Was Balloon
- Probably Balloon
- Possibly Balloon

- Was Aircraft
- Probably Aircraft
- Possibly Aircraft

- Was Astronomical
- Probably Astronomical
- Possibly Astronomical

- Other: _____
- Insufficient Data For Evaluation
- Unknown

24. COMMENTS:

PROJECT 10073 WEATHER DATA SHEET

1. DATE OF OBSERVATION		2. TIME OF OBSERVATION		3. STATION OBSERVING	
4. WINDS ALOFT:					
ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
0			25,000		
1,000			30,000		
2,000			35,000		
3,000			40,000		
4,000			45,000		
5,000			50,000		
6,000			55,000		
7,000			60,000		
8,000			65,000		
9,000			70,000		
10,000			75,000		
12,000			80,000		
14,000			85,000		
16,000			90,000		
18,000			95,000		
20,000			100,000		
5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED? (If yes, at what altitude? _____)			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		<input type="checkbox"/> No
6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA? (If yes, at what quadrant? _____)			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		<input type="checkbox"/> No
7. CLOUD COVER: ____ tenths at ____ feet. ____ tenths at ____ feet.			____ tenths at ____ feet. ____ tenths at ____ feet.		8. VISIBILITY WAS _____ MILES.
9. COMMENTS: "front edge of station clouds present"					

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WPD178

ACTION

1. Attna
2. Attna
3. C. files

YDB157

SEP 17 22 45 1952

CBC253

YMB138

JEDNU 123

PP JEPHQ JEDWP JEDEN JEDST 444

DE JEDNU 73

P 172000Z ZNJ

1952 SEP 17 18:51
INFO

FM CG CHANUTE AFB ILL

TO JEPHQ/DIR OF INTEL HQS USAF WASH DC

JEDWP/AIR TECH INTEL CEN WRIGHT PATTISON AFB O

JEDEN/CG ENT AFB COLO SPRINGS COLO

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JEDST/CG ATRC SCOTT AFB ILL

3K/65/J FLYOBRPT SIGHTED 2223 CDT 16 SEPT 52

SINGLE OBJECT BLUISH WHITE COLOR IRREGULAR ROUND SHAPE WITH TWO SMALL SATELLITES VISIBLE THROUGH BINOCULARS APPROXIMATELY 10 DIAMETERS LARGER THAN STARS IN THE VICINITY FIRST NOTICED AT APPROXIMATELY 50 DEGREES COMPASS HEADING MOVED IN A SLIGHT CLIMB TO 35 DEGREES HEADING THEN ASCENDED FROM 20 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON TO 60 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON

BEFORE DISAPPEARING NO SOUND OBSERVED 45 MINUTES BY 3 CONTROL TOWER
OPERATORS CHANUTE AFB ONE OPERATOR FORMER PILOT WITH 650 HRS AND
65 COMBAT MISSIONS REQUESTED ATTEMPT AT INTERCEPTION BY LOCAL FLYING
-25 UNSUCCESSFUL LIGHT LAYER OF STRATUS CLOUDS PRESENT

17/2145Z SEP JEDNU

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency) Wing Intelligence Section Chanute AFB, Illinois	REPORT NO.	PAGE 2 OF 2	PAGES
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On 17 September 1952, 1st Lt Alan R. HOGAN, AF 245198, 1918-3 AACB, Chanute AFB, Illinois, aircraft controller, rated pilot & not on flying status, with 850 flying hours and 65 combat missions in Martin B-26s was interviewed in his office and stated in substance:

Lt HOGAN along with two airmen was on duty in the CHANUTE AFB control tower on the evening of 16 September 1952. All three men noticed an unusually bright bluishwhite light, approximately ten (10) times the diameter of the neighboring stars, in the sky at approximately 15 degrees above the horizon and at approximately 50 degrees compass heading. During the period of observation, 2210 hrs CDT to 2325 hrs CDT, the object moved in a straight path from the aforementioned position to approximately 20 degrees above the horizon and 35 degrees compass heading. It then ascended to approximately 60 degrees above the horizon and to a 90 degree compass heading and disappeared as if going behind a cloud. During the ascent the object disappeared three (3) times for a period of several minutes each time. On its reappearance the object was always at a higher altitude and appeared to be larger. From 2228 hrs CDT the object was under observation through eight (8) power uncalibrated binoculars. The binoculars made the object appear approximately twice as large as it appeared to the naked eye. Through the binoculars the object appeared to be an irregular round mass with two (2) small satellites. One satellite was to the object's left and slightly above center, the other was to the right and slightly below center. During the period of observation the satellites did not change their relative position to the main body. There was no apparent sound, oscillation or fluttering motion.

The weather consisted of thunder storms in the west behind the observers and light stratus clouds in the east. It was definitely noted that on occasion the clouds passed between the object and the observers.

A local flying B-25 was requested to attempt interception of the object. The B-25, without oxygen, was confined to an altitude of not more than 10,000 feet. The pilot of the B-25 never saw the object clearly at any time and dismissed it as being a reflection of a star on the clouds.

The other two control tower operators agreed substantially upon the appearance and course of the object with Lt HOGAN.

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SECURITY INFORMATION

COUNTRY United States	REPORT NO.	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT FLYOBRPT		
AREA REPORTED ON Central Illinois	FROM (Agency) Wing Intelligence Section, Chanute AFB, ILL.	
DATE OF REPORT 19 September 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 17 September 1952	EVALUATION B-1
PREPARED BY (Officer) Lt John F. Albrecht, Wg Intel Officer	SOURCE 1st Lt [redacted] Chanute APB, ILL.	
REFERENCE (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)		

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 118—Part II.)

FLYOBRPT by control tower operator, CHANUTE AFB, Illinois, 16 Sept 52.

APPROVED:

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INCL.

1. Sketch of FLYOBRPT
2. Sketch of FLYOBRPT course

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FLYDRPT, 19 Sept 52

Chanute AFB Ill.

Airt of disappearing
60° above HORIZON
90° compass heading
2325 hrs COT

15° above HORIZON
50° compass heading
2210 hrs COT

20° above HORIZON
85° compass heading
POINT AT WHICH BINOCULARS
WERE FIRST USED, TIME
2228 hrs COT.

HORIZON, Facing east from
CHANUTE AFB, CONTROL TOWER

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